

Appl. No. 10/632,074
Amdt. dated March 28, 2005
Reply to Office Action of December 28, 2004

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (currently amended): A coupler for attachment to a driving tool for driving and pulling double-headed tent stakes, comprising:

an axially elongate body having a first, closed end and a second, open end, said body having a pair of slots passing therethrough adjacent said open end, said slots being substantially orthogonal to said body elongate axis;

a pair of retractable, planar keepers slidably received within said slots, each of said keepers further having[[a]] an arcuate notch for receiving the tent stake;

a pair of release levers pivotably attached to said elongate body, each one of said release levers having a distal end pivotably attached to a respective one of said planar keepers; and,

a pair of springs, each one of said springs being retained between said elongate body and a respective one of said release levers, said springs urging said release levers to a closed position.

Claim 8 (original): The coupler of claim 7 further including a threaded portion within said first end for attachment to a driving tool.

Claims 9-12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (currently amended): A double-headed tent stake driver and puller, comprising;

a slide hammer including a shaft having an elongate portion and a distal end;

a coupler on said distal end of said shaft, said coupler having an axially elongate body including a first, closed end and a second, open end said body further having a pair of slots passing therethrough adjacent said open end, said slots being substantially orthogonal to said body elongate axis;

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said coupler further including a pair of retractable, planar keepers slidably received within said slots, each of said keepers further having[[a]] an arcuate notch for receiving the tent stake;

said coupler further including a pair of release levers pivotably attached to said elongate body, each one of said release levers having a distal end pivotably attached to a respective one of said planar keepers; and,

said coupler further including a pair of springs, each one of said springs being retained between said elongate body and a respective one of said release levers, said springs urging said release levers to a closed position.